(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FAINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 100% EQUs are permitted to raise external loans to finance their foreign exchange requirements. These loans can either be raised by them after the approval of Department Economic Affairs as per the normal procedure under FERA 1973 or such units can avail of the special facility of automatic clearance under the self-liquidating foreign currency loan procedure started from November 1991 under which the prior approval of Department of Economic Affairs is not required and borrowers approach the Reserve Bank of India directly.

Loans to Tribal Youth in Sundargarh District of Orissa

6897. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the number of unemployed tribal youth who have been financed under SEEUY scheme by different banks operating in Sundargarh district in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): Since the inception of the Scheme of Self Employment for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY), 299 members of Scheduled Tribes have been granted Rs. 54 lakhs as loans by various Banks functioning in Sunderagrah District. During the year 1991-92 (upto December, 1991) 13 beneficiaries belonging to Scheduled Tribe were sanctioned Rs. 2.35 lakhs as loans.

Loans to Government of Maharashtra

6898. SHRI ANA JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans sanctioned by the Union Government to the Government of Maharashtra for development project during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) the number of project in respects of which the whole amount of loan has been utilized and work completed and the number of projects in respects of which the work is still in progress;

(c) the plans of the Union Government to completes these incomplete projects;

(d) whether any complaints have been received that these loans have not been properly utilized; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Total loans sanctioned to the Government of Maharashtra by the Union Government for their State Plans 1990-91 and 1991-92 are Rs. 1264.86 crores and Rs. 1490.84 crores respectively.

(b) Assistance to State for State Plan schemes is given in the form of block loans and block grants which are not tied to any particular project or scheme.

(c) The Planning Commission has stressed upon the States to provide fully for spillover and ongoing schemes during Eighth Plan. It is for the State Government to provide adequate funds as Central Government does not provide additional assistance for completion of incomplete projects in the State.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Export of Iron Ore Through Paradip Port

6899. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of SURACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total metric tonnes of cargo handled by Paradip Port during the last three years, year-wise, alongwith the value thereof;

(b) whether due to the shortfall in iron ore exports the port has not been able to achieve its targets; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take to increase the iron are export through this Port?

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The total volume of cargo handle by Paradip Port during the last three years and value of traffic is as under:–

Year	*Target (in lakh MT)*	*Cargo handled (in lakh MT)*	*Value of Traffic (Rs. in crores)*
1991-92	72.90	72.97	1395.69
1990-91	63.20	68.84	769.40
1989-90	65.88	61.84	711.95

(b) No, Sir. The Port has achieved its targets.

(c) Does not arise.

Meeting with Foreign Investors in Geneva

6900. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting is proposed to be held with foreign investors in Geneva in May, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the scope of foreign investment in the country is likely to be increased thereafter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c). A meeting is being organised in Geneva in May 1992 by the World Economic Forum which will focus on increased opportunities of trade and investment in India after the initiatives announced in the Union Budget and the liberalisations in trade and investment policies. The participation of a business delegation from India will provide opportunities for close interaction between Indian and other businessmen which can translate into specific joint ventures in this country.

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Credit-Deposit Ratio of Banks in U. P.

6901. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: